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EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to Piccolo Early Learning Centre!

OUR MISSION

We believe in inspiring and motivating every Piccolo (little one) in a secure, exciting, stimulating, nurturing, and loving learning environment. An environment where children are free to ask questions, explore and develop a love for learning. Where we do not sit and listen but do and learn.

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to meet their potential and develop academic, creative, social, and emotional skills that will equip them to fulfil a happy and prosperous life.

We believe in establishing good relationships between parents, children, and teachers, as we all strive to create the best and safest learning environment for our children.

Prospectus

2023



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember.

Involve me and I learn." ♥

Benjamin Franklin

"If a child can't learn the way we teach,
Maybe we should teach the way they learn."

Ignacio Estrada

School Fees

3 Days/week – R2500.00

Half day (1:30pm) – R3150.00

Full day (5pm) – R3600.00

This includes breakfast, snacks, water, and milk (for cereal).

- A 10% sibling discount applies

Non-refundable registration Fee

R1500.00 **Once-off fee** – (R2500 per family with 2 children)

Stationery/Activity Fee

R1500.00 yearly fee. Payable once off in January or R750 in January and R750 in June.

This is for all paint, paper, crayons, craft/baking/science/sensory supplies, etc for the year as well as termly visitors and a music lesson presented once a week by Lichelle from Classic Kids Music.

Kindly note:

*Piccolo requires one calendar month notice, in writing, if you wish to remove your little one from school.

*School fees are due monthly, in advance, regardless of illness, holiday, etc.

Outings and Visitors

Once a term we will have a special visitor for the kids. Providing entertaining, informative and theme specific information for our little ones.

School Times and Calendar

Piccolo remains open throughout the year, except on Public Holidays and for a period during the December holidays.

Should a Public Holiday fall on a Tuesday, we will be closed on the Monday, and if the Thursday is a Public Holiday, we will be closed on the Friday.

Monday – Friday:

Half day 7am – 1:30pm

Full day 7am – 5pm (5:30pm Grace period should you be running late on the odd occasion).

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Settling In – Drop and Go

During Covid, our little ones have become quite used to being dropped and collected at the pencil fence. This does enforce the “drop and go” method which is most beneficial to your little one. We realise that this can be difficult, however, the longer you linger, the more difficult it will be to say goodbye. There may be tears when you leave, but it generally doesn't last long and the littlies end up having a happy, fun day. If tears do persist, rest assured we will phone you.

If you do choose to walk your child to his/her classroom, kindly say a quick goodbye, drop and go, and form a consistent drop off routine to make for a smooth departure.

Please drop your child off by 08:00 to avoid them missing out on important activities.

Collection

Please make every effort necessary to collect your little one timeously.

Should anyone, other than yourself be collecting your child from school, please inform the Teacher or Principal by message and/or in writing. If possible, please supply a photograph of the person who will be collecting your child.

Additional Requirements

Please supply two boxes of tissues and two packets of wet wipes at the beginning of each term.

Contact Details

Please make sure you keep the school updated regarding any change to your telephone numbers, email addresses or physical addresses. Please email updates to info@piccolo-earlylearning.co.za

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Curriculum

Our curriculum is progressive and based on the ELDA's (Early Learning and Developmental Areas) as identified in the National Curriculum Framework. These are: Well-being, Identity and belonging, Communication, Exploring Mathematics, Creativity, and Knowledge and Understanding of the World. Like building blocks, each stage of learning builds upon the previous stage. Our curriculum helps children achieve school readiness in all areas of academic and social learning. We also incorporate some age-appropriate Montessori and Reggio (to name a few) teaching methods, and include, amongst other, language, mathematics, life skills, art, fine and gross motor activities, perceptual skills, and free open-ended play activities in a fun, hands-on teaching approach.

Bi-weekly themes are presented every term where children are taught various facts and information, and all learning activities are theme based.

We currently cater for:

1-2-year-olds – Bunny Class (children born in 2021)

2-3-year-olds – Fox Class (children born in 2020)

3-4-year-olds – Squirrel Class (children born in 2019)

4-5-year-olds – Owl Class (children born in 2018)

Grade R learners are welcome to join our sister school, Ballito Bay Learning Centre - please contact them on 067 350 6937 or

info@ballitobaylearning.co.za - www.ballitobaylearning.co.za

Baking, Science and Show and Tell

Baking and science activities are incorporated into our curriculum to add to the many valuable skills taught through fun activities at Piccolo.

"Show and Tell" will take place every Friday for our 4-5-year olds, where our little ones have a turn to share some interesting theme related information with their friends.

Baker-Baker

Every Friday a little one will have a turn to be Baker man/lady. The class teacher draws up a list and on the little one's chosen day he/she brings treats for their class friends. The other little ones bring R5 to buy a little treat for themselves. At no time will a child be denied a treat and the R5 is completely optional. The R5's collected will be used to purchase toys or equipment on our school's wish list.

Extra Mural Activities

Currently, Ballet and Tumbling Tigerz are extra mural activities offered at Piccolo Early Learning Centre. These are optional extras and take place during school hours unless otherwise arranged. Payment is made directly to the extra mural coach or company.

Discipline

The dignity of each child is always respected. Positive guidance is used to assist every child to substitute appropriate behaviour for inappropriate behaviour. Physical, verbal, or emotional abuse is never used and at no time is a child made to feel frightened, humiliated, or threatened.

Potty Training

This is a special time for your little one and teaching your little one to use the loo must be a fun experience. There definitely needs to be continuity of what is carried out at home and at school. Please chat to the class teacher to discuss this. During this time, please make sure to pack a few changes of clothing in case of "oopsies", as well as packets for wet clothes.

What to pack in your child's school bag?

Change of clothes (jacket, warm and cool outfit) and a packet for wet/dirty clothes

Sun hat and sun block

Water and/or juice bottle

Breakfast (optional)

Lunch (kindly only send packets of 2-minute noodles to school if necessary, but not on a daily basis)

Toddlers:

Dummy and/or bottle, nappies and bum cream, wet wipes, and packets for dirty clothes

Toys and Valuables

No toys may be brought to school. The school will not be held responsible for any items that may go missing or become damaged.

Birthdays

Parents are welcome to bring cake to school on your child's birthday. Party packs are optional and will be sent home so the treats can be given at the parents' discretion.

We make a crown, sing happy birthday, take photos, and make it a special day for your little one. If you wish to provide any other entertainment on the day, please discuss this with your child's class Teacher.

Birthday celebrations are normally held during the morning, just after snack time (10:00).

Communication

Our school uses a blend of WhatsApp and email to provide updates and reminders. A year planner will be sent out at the beginning of the year and a term planner will be sent out at the beginning of every term. This will help you plan and mark important dates down on the calendar.

Open Door Policy

We have an open-door policy and ask that all concerns or suggestions be brought to our attention so that they can be addressed. Please feel free to speak to your class Teacher first, if no progress is made then address the matter with our Head of Pre-School and if the issue persists, please email the school at info@piccolo-earlylearning.co.za and a formal meeting with the teacher, parent, head of pre-school and owner will be arranged.

Parent Participation

Piccolo Early Learning Centre is a family orientated school which depends on parent interaction. It builds bridges between home and school, and there are numerous opportunities for Moms and Dads to bring to school any special skills or interests to share with the children and our school.

Grace and Courtesy

We are an anti-discriminatory school. We respect the values, religion, and race of each family and all our staff members. We teach and nurture these principles in our children so they may have the same respect and values growing up.

Sick Children

Unfortunately, sick children **may not** attend school. They need to be kept at home to recuperate. If a child arrives at school sick, you will be contacted to collect them immediately. This is a small environment, and we must consider the welfare of the other children, as well as our staff. If your child has a green runny nose, fever, runny tummy, vomiting, coughing, body spots or has been sick the night before, it is advisable to keep them home.

Medication

Please note that we are **not** allowed to administer medication at school unless your child needs to complete a course of antibiotics or for the treatment of something that is not contagious. It will **only** be administered as prescribed and after completing a medicine administration form. Please make sure it is properly labelled and given directly to the teacher.

Labels

Please label all items of clothing, bottles, bags, etcetera clearly.



“Giving our children roots to grow
And wings to fly!”